

Amendments to the Specification

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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1. Field of the Invention

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2. Description of Related Art

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 represents the holding time of a pad glued to a lens under water jet, as a function of the time elapsed from the deposition of the external layer and the protective layer.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following Abstract immediately following page 17 (a clean copy of the Abstract on page 18 of the specification is attached as Appendix A):

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a method for treating an ophthalmic lens comprising two main sides, wherein at least one side comprises an organic or mineral external layer coated with a MgF_2 temporary protective layer, comprising one of the following treating steps: a liquid phase chemical treatment of the temporary protective layer, leading to the formation of MgO and/or $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ in and/or on the temporary protective layer; or a deposit of at least one non-fluorinated metallic oxide and/or of at least one non fluorinated metallic hydroxide on the temporary protective layer through transfer thereof from an electrostatic film or through vacuum evaporation thereof directly on the temporary protective layer.